

House Concurrent Resolution 107 - Introduced

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1 A Concurrent Resolution urging Congress and the
2 President of the United States to reclassify
3 cannabis as a schedule II controlled substance
4 under the United States Controlled Substances Act
5 to facilitate research and testing on the potential
6 benefits of medical cannabis.

7 WHEREAS, while Iowa and twenty-two other states and
8 the District of Columbia have enacted laws allowing
9 the regulated use of medical cannabis for numerous
10 debilitating medical conditions, cannabis use remains
11 illegal under the United States Controlled Substances
12 Act; and

13 WHEREAS, cannabis is currently classified by
14 the federal Drug Enforcement Agency as a schedule I
15 controlled substance under the United States Controlled
16 Substances Act, a classification that impedes
17 large-scale medical and scientific research on the
18 effects of cannabis; and

19 WHEREAS, a schedule I controlled substance is a
20 highly addictive substance that has no accepted medical
21 use in the United States and a schedule II controlled
22 substance is a highly addictive substance that has an
23 accepted medical use in the United States; and

24 WHEREAS, substances classified as a schedule
25 II controlled substance may be dispensed with a
26 prescription under certain circumstances and are

1 subject to large-scale research, testing, and
2 manufacturing; and

3 WHEREAS, there is a significant lack of medical and
4 scientific research on medical cannabis by industries,
5 universities, research institutions, and federal
6 agencies including but not limited to the food and drug
7 administration in the United States due in part to
8 the fact that cannabis is classified as a schedule I
9 controlled substance; and

10 WHEREAS, the United States Surgeon General's
11 reports on the health consequences of tobacco use in
12 the United States over a 50-year period are based on
13 scientifically rigorous reviews and analyses of data
14 on the prevalence, causes, effects, and implications
15 of tobacco use in the United States and reclassifying
16 cannabis as a schedule II controlled substance
17 would allow for a similar rigorous scientific review
18 of clinical research and testing by industries,
19 universities, research institutions, and federal
20 agencies on the potential benefits of medical
21 cannabis; NOW THEREFORE,

22 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
23 THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Iowa General Assembly
24 respectfully urges the Congress of the United States
25 to enact legislation to reclassify cannabis as a
26 schedule II controlled substance under the United
27 States Controlled Substances Act to facilitate research
28 and testing on the potential benefits of medical
29 cannabis; and

30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an official copy of

1 this resolution be transmitted to the President of
2 the United States, the Surgeon General of the United
3 States, the President and Secretary of the United
4 States Senate, the Speaker and Clerk of the United
5 States House of Representatives, and to members of the
6 Iowa congressional delegation.